



COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Danger Spot

PARTS of President Eisenhower's budget message to Congress and the high priority which the subject is to be given at the forthcoming Washington talks between Sir Anthony Eden and the President, emphasize the degree of concern with which the British and American governments view the present situation in the Middle East.

The once so-called "Eastern Question" has, in one form or another, been a major international subject since the Russians first annexed Turkish territory and since Bonaparte landed in Egypt. Today the vast oil resources of some of the Middle East countries have made the area economically, as well as geographically, world important. Unfortunately it is not only important, it is disturbed and unstable, and during the past 12 months the situation has not improved; it has deteriorated.

The causes are manifold. There is the disruptive activity of irresponsible Saudi Arabian leaders in Jordan and the Persian Gulf; the sudden accession of oil wealth there seems to have touched off a new Saudi imperialistic movement. There is the unhappy, and unforeseen impact of the Baghdad treaty on Egypt and other Arab states. But above all, there is the fact that the always worrying situation on the Israel-Arab borders has become worse and a source of greater anxiety.

ONE of the aggravating factors has been the intensification of the competition of arming between Israel and her neighbours. Until this year a rough and uneasy balance had been kept by the policy of the three Western powers or restricting their sales of arms to all Middle East countries. This has now been made quite ineffective by what amounts to a small arms race between Israel and Egypt.

The quantities may not, in fact, be very important. The disturbance of the "balance" may not be great. But the psychological effect has been disastrous. Israel now suspects that Egypt and the other Arab states are re-arming secretly as well as openly. The Arabs suspect the same of Israel. Each believes that the other is preparing to attack as soon as it judges the moment favourable. All thinking is dominated by mutual fears.

THAT is the most perilous of all international situations. There is the danger of a sudden local incident touching off a "chain reaction." There is the temptation to think that if a collision is inevitable, it would be wise to strike first.

A "second round" of the Palestinian war looks dangerously more possible than it did a year ago. This is the gravest of all the problems which President Eisenhower and Sir Anthony Eden have to consider. And for them the problem is made no easier by the knowledge that they cannot provide a solution. The days when great powers could decide and dictate are gone in the free world. Ultimate decisions, ultimate responsibilities, have in these days to be taken and assumed by nations which are now fully sovereign and independent. The best hope is that between them, the British and American leaders may be able to suggest steps and to advance offers which would make a detente, and even a settlement, possible. Even that would be a delicate operation, for both Israelis and Arabs are sensitive and inclined to suspicion. But of one thing neither should be suspicious: the supreme interest of both Britain and the United States in the Middle East is to preserve peace and restore stability.

RIOTS BREAK OUT IN BOMBAY

ONE DEAD & SEVEN INJURED

Bombay, Jan. 16. One person was killed when Police twice opened fire in the thickly populated Thakurdwar area of central Bombay to quell violent demonstrations.

Earlier the Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, had broadcast an announcement that the city was to be brought under the administration of the central government.

Seven people including a woman were reported injured, when Police fired to prevent about 1,000 demonstrators setting fire to a building and to disperse others stoning buses and trams.

One tram was set on fire. Violence was reported from north Bombay where a Police kiosk was set on fire.

A government statement said 45 people had been gassed for "mischievous activities."

400 ARRESTED

A strong Police guard was immediately posted in the area where trouble started soon after the Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, made his broadcast from Now Delhi.

Earlier reports said more than 400 Communists and leftist trade union leaders were arrested during the day as Police took precautions against outbreaks between Maharnashrians and Gujeratis and their supporters.

The arrests began in the small hours of the morning and continued throughout the day as armed police and wireless equipped jeeps patrolled the city which was tensely awaiting the momentous decision on its future.

All 62 textile mills were idle and 12,000 workers stayed away from work at two railway workshops in north Bombay.

Most schools and colleges hurriedly closed as news of the arrests spread through the city.

PROTEST MEETINGS

Among those leaders arrested today were Nana Patil, Communist leader, S. G. Patkar, Secretary of the Communist-led Mill Maidan Union, S. G. Sardesai, Secretary of the Maharashtra committee of the Communist Party, and Vitthal Choudhury, secretary of the Bombay branch of the All-India Trade Union Congress.

The arrests were condemned by left-wing trade unions who said the Government of Bombay wanted to crush the movement to have Bombay as capital of a United Maharnashia State.

Several public meetings held this evening also condemned the arrests.

Hundreds of people returning from meetings paraded the streets defying the ban of processions and at times forced passengers to leave buses and trams.

A resolution passed at a Communist organised meeting in the city's northern industrial area expressed no confidence in the government of Bombay and called upon Maharnashian ministers and members of the State Legislature to resign.

WAR DECLARED'

At another meeting, S. M. Joshi Praja, Socialist leader from Poona, asked Shankarao Desai, who has been conducting negotiations with the Congress Party and Government of India for formation of Maharnashian state, including Bombay city, to call an all-party conference to chalk out a future course of action to achieve their objective.

He described the arrests as a "declaration of war on the people of Maharnashia." Reuter.

Floods In Portugal
Faro, Portugal, Jan. 16. Flood waters from days of heavy rain swirled through the streets of the South Coast Portuguese village of Albufeira today, causing heavy property damage and at least one death. Shops and houses were flooded and one woman was drowned in the village, which is situated in a ravine facing the sea.—United Press.

Helicopters Fly To Help Of Ice-bound Expedition

London Jan. 16. The Admiralty announced tonight it was sending help to the ice-bound British Antarctic expedition.

Helicopters from a naval ship off the Falkland Islands will try to find a clear path for the exploration ship "Theron" to its destination on the Antarctic coast, the Admiralty said.

The "Theron" radioed on Sunday that it was drifting in pack ice about 15 miles a day from a position given as 67 degrees 43 minutes South latitude and 30 degrees 30 minutes West longitude.

"We might be bearing ice edge to north or west," the message said. "We cannot fly our seaplane as no water here."

The specially equipped armoured netty "Protector" received the message and replied: "Do you require ice reconnaissance to the north of you?"

NO DANGER

Dr Vivian Fuchs, leader of the expedition, radioed back, "Many thanks. Very much welcome reconnaissance."

The Admiralty said the "Protector," equipped with two helicopters, was carrying out the mission. Its position was given as near Anvers Island off the west coast of Grahamland.

The "Theron," whose explorers plan to hike across the South Polar continent as part of the International Geophysical Year, was days behind schedule in its slow progress through coastal pack ice.

However, officials said there was no danger to the ship.—United Press.

US Wrestler Charged With Jewel Theft

Tokyo, Jan. 16. Police in Tokyo today had a dragnet out for a 30-year-old professional wrestler said to be an American accused of forcibly removing about \$15,000 worth of jewellery from a salesman summoned to his room in the Imperial Hotel here.

Police said the wrestler, who had been in Japan on a three-month exhibition tour, asked the jeweller to his room to make a selection of diamonds and pearls.

When the salesman arrived, he alleged, the wrestler and a friend overpowered him and tied him and gagged him.

They then departed with the "selection" including diamonds. The salesman said that wrestler thrust him, bound and gagged, into the bathroom of his luxury suite.

Around mid-day the salesman managed to loosen his bonds and call for help.

Police tonight had guards at ports and airports.

The salesman said he had taken valuable stock to the hotel room because he had been introduced to the prospective buyer by relatives of the hotel management.

Later tonight police announced the arrest of an American citizen accused of robbery. He was found in a cabaret.—Reuter.

5,000 Workers On Strike In Singapore

Singapore, Jan. 16. Five thousand industrial workers of Singapore's naval base—the biggest British base in Southeast Asia—will go on strike on Tuesday morning. This action was decided to day after a three-hour meeting of the Basu Labour Union, in protest against the eviction of two workers' families from quarters in the naval base. The workers had refused to obey a notice to quit served on them on their retirement last September.—United Press.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR MURDERED MISSIONARIES HELD IN PLANE

Washington, Jan. 16. A funeral service was conducted on Saturday aboard a U.S. military plane circling over a small jungle clearing by a river in the wilds of Ecuador. Aboard the plane were the widows of five American missionaries killed the previous Sunday by savage Auca Indians. The bodies were found on Friday by a ground party of Ecuadorian soldiers and U.S. officials.

The story was told last night by radio.

Authorities would not risk landing the plane for fear they would suffer the same fate as their husbands.

All they could do was gaze from the windows of the C-47 at the graves while memorial services were read.

Near the graves was the skeleton of a small plane, stripped by the savage Indians. It was the plane in which five missionaries had landed on the narrow beach on January 3.

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'New Evidence' In Ruth Ellis Case, London Paper Claims

London, Jan. 16. A noted British crime writer promised "new evidence" today to show that Ruth Ellis should not have been hanged last July for murdering her lover.

Mrs Ellis was hanged for shooting racing driver Davis Blackley on Easter Sunday.

"She Should Not Have Hanged" said the headline over Duncan Webb's story in the London Sunday paper The People. However, Webb held most of his "new evidence" for next week's issue.

The basis of Webb's argument for Mrs Ellis concerned an alleged last-minute change in her story about the gun she used and how she got to the murder scene.

"TRAITOROUS"

Webb said the woman refused to correct her courtroom testimony until less than 24 hours before her death, saying it would be "traitorous" of her to tell the truth.

Two hours before she died, Webb said, Mrs Ellis wrote a note to a solicitor to be opened after her death. In which she insisted she had not told the truth in the witness box.

Webb accused court officials of failing to give Scotland Yard enough time to check the woman's eleventh-hour alibi.—United Press.

May Come Back

The pull of the dollar seems to have been greater than the pull of the rouble.

Mr Volkov, however, is a shrewd and determined man, and Moscow will no doubt try again another day.—London Express Service.

RUSSIAN AID FOR ASIA

Tokyo, Jan. 16. Communist countries are accepting commercial losses to establish footholds in Asian countries, according to a survey from Japanese diplomatic missions presented today.

Japanese diplomats are at present assembled in Tokyo in the hope they might get a word in. In Moscow, the Liberian delegation left no doubt in anyone's mind they hoped to conclude an agreement for aid and trade—an agreement which would cover development projects guided by Russian technicians.

They even talked to the Press before they talked to President Tubman.

And for a time it looked as though Tubman might be tempted.

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The survey said the Soviet Union had promised India economic aid in the form of supplies of one million tons of ordinary iron and steel goods and 750,000 tons of rolled steel items to be repaid by India in its various staple products over a 12-year period at a yearly interest rate of 2.5 per cent.

The survey said Russia and China were also beginning to extend economic aid in Asian countries. Much of it was presented more for propaganda than practical value but it was causing concern in that it raised the question of limits of aid from the West especially the United States.

Czechoslovakia had also promised India similar aid for construction of a cement mill capable of producing four million tons a day.—Reuter.

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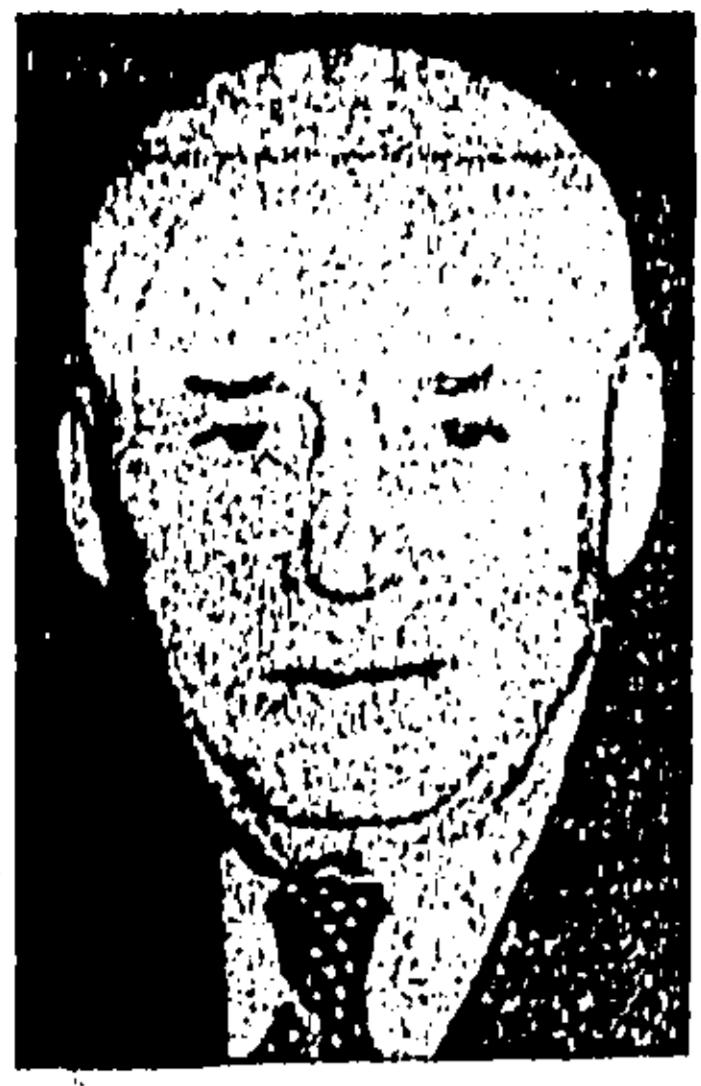
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Rep. Rayburn

BRINK OF WAR!

Too Close For Me Says Sam Rayburn

Washington, Jan. 16. Mr Sam Rayburn (Democrat, Speaker of the House) and his representatives, told a news conference today that the "brink of war" statements by Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, were "dangerous" and "represent a potential threat."

"The brink of anything is too close for me," Mr. Rayburn said.

The White House declined to say the kind of talk to lay to make any comment on the controversy started by Mr. Dulles' recent article in Life magazine.

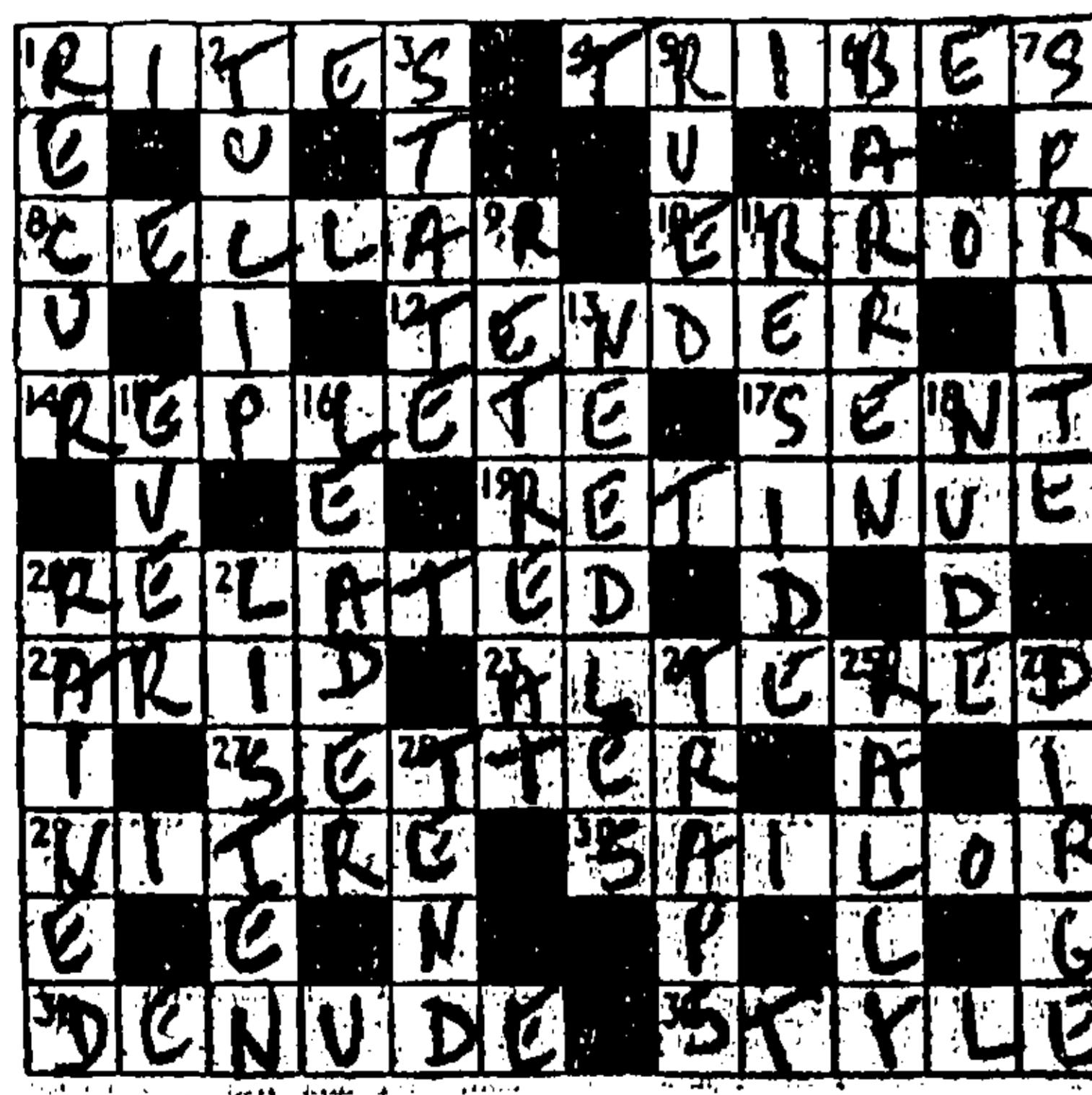
But two Presidents' statements joined in a statement offering the article. Senators Edward J. Thye of Minnesota and Alexander Smith of New Jersey said the Democrats were trying to create a "political dust storm" through loose interpretation of the article. —Reuter.

Peronist-Nazi Links Alleged

Buenos Aires, Jan. 16. Investigation of any wartime links between the Nazi regime of Adolf Hitler in Germany and members of the Argentine government in office before the overthrow of former Argentine President Juan Peron last September 16 was being urged here today by a Radical ex-deputy.

In a book entitled "Treason Technique," written during his exile in Hungary, the Radical Ex-Deputy, Sylvio Santa, referred to documents allegedly establishing complicity between high-ranking Peronist leaders and the Nazis. —France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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3. Vault (6).
4. Mistake (6).
5. Offer (6).
6. Full (7).
7. Dispatched (4).
8. Train (7).
9. Told (7).
10. Purchased (4).
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A NATIONAL INQUIRY HAS BEEN ORDERED:

THIS OPERATION HAS GOT THE DOCTORS WORRIED

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By David Roxan

London
D R Donald Johnson is a worried man. He is worried about an operation that has already been performed on more than fourteen thousand people in Great Britain.

Dr Donald Johnson is a Member of Parliament for the city of Carlisle, near the Scottish border. He and many other eminent members of the medical profession are today asking: "Are we right to perform this operation at all?"

What is the reason for this self-searching after more than fourteen thousand have submitted to the knife?

It is because medical men have discovered that thousands who have undergone the brain operation known as prefrontal leucotomy have changed personalities—and the change in too many cases has been for the worse.

So serious have the medical profession's second thoughts about this treatment become that Britain's Minister of Health, Mr Iain Macleod, has ordered an inquiry into the effects of the operation as a matter of national importance.

MR Macleod has asked more than one hundred hospitals to report to him on the post-operation case histories of patients who have submitted to this operation.

Pending the completion of this national inquiry, the Minister is considering whether to issue an instruction that no hospital should carry out such operations unless they are approved by an entire board of doctors, which is the system already adopted at London's famous Maudsley Hospital.

Says Dr Donald Johnson: "At present this drastic brain operation can be performed at the word of a single relative or doctor. And the mentally sick patient concerned has no say whatsoever. Once performed, like the cutting of a thumb, there is no going back."

There is no question that there have been many outstanding successes with this surgery. But the dominating question is—has this highly dangerous operation become a medical "fiasco"?

First introduced to deal with a limited class of mental disorders, its use has been widely extended.

The operation has been performed on persons suffering from high blood pressure, asthma, eczema and other complaints believed to have a nervous basis. It has even been given to some patients to difficult patients to make them "easier to manage."

And the Minister of Health is studying reports of hospitals where it is alleged the operation has been done for experimental "guinea-pig" reasons.

CAUTION

BRITAIN'S medical profession is often accused of being "too conservative" in its attitude towards new treatments. When America "beat the drum" for the Salk polio vaccine, the British Medical Research Council was ultra-cautious and was attacked for being so. In that case caution was justified.

But sometimes, as with tonsils and adenoids operations, certain types of treatment become fashionable.

And many medical men now admit that much of the surgery was unnecessary.

Some people think that too often the wise caution that greets new drugs is thrown overboard when it comes to new surgical techniques.

Today the terrible question is: "Is the trend for the prefrontal leucotomy operation as a 'cure-all' for so many ailments the most dangerous medical 'fashion' of all time?"

What does it do to some of those who submit to it?

It makes them unable to deal with life. They cannot think or plan ahead.

Their appreciation of life is dulled. They lose both intelligence and vocabulary. They take longer to dress, to count and to read. They cannot con-

centrate. They lose drive and ambition.

They become quarrelsome, irritable and often apathetic.

One doctor is already ahead of the Ministry of Health in Britain in investigating those serious after-effects.

Dr P. Macdonald Tow, former research psychiatrist in the Nuffield Department of Surgery at Oxford University, and one of the most eminent medical experts in the United Kingdom, wanted to know more about it.

The cases of ten men and 26 women who had undergone prefrontal leucotomy were studied by Dr Tow.

These cases of people who had experienced this particular brain operation ranged from a young man of 20 years of age who was still at college to a 69-year-old woman of private means.

They included housewives, a master builder, a food factory manager, a private secretary, a writer and a housekeeper.

Dr Tow visited each person several times before and after their operations. He gave them intelligence tests, made them answer questionnaires. One year later he repeated the whole process.

DESPAIR

HIS most vivid results came from asking each of the 36 persons to write their autobiographies before the operation, then write them again a year afterwards.

Before her operation a 27-year-old intelligent housewife submitted a long and entertaining account of her life.

One year after the operation she wrote: "At night all is dull despair and desolation. All my will is overcome with dull despair. There is no force within me to overcome fatigue and day-deadness."

Before his operation, a 30-year-old domestic worker wrote a lucid account of his life. Afterwards, his words rambled together without punctuation and with little meaning.

DON'T BE SHY, THE SERGEANT'S SO KIND

From WILLIAM HAMSHER

Andernach-on-Rhine is Private Fritz's first week in uniform. Five hundred volunteers for the new Wehrmacht have booked in.

By the end of next week more than a thousand will have arrived to start three months' basic training.

From Andernach, near Koblenz, they will disperse in April to other camps all over West Germany as core of the cadre who will snowball the new Wehrmacht until it is half a million strong.

At Andernach, on the new Wehrmacht's first day, anyway, everybody was chow-chow to everybody. Dawn came in a miserable drizzle. So, heated buses were at the station to

save early arrivals a long foot-slog to barracks.

The Commandant, Colonel Ernst Philipp, met them at the gates with a cheery "Good morning to you!"

Friendly sergeants waved recruits to their quarters—six men to a room.

Outside, on a parado ground still being rolled by a steam-roller, came a few practice orders. Then Major Hans Busch, gamekeeper, 43 years old—he won the Knight's Cross on the Russian front in the war—took the first parade.

"At ease," he said. Then "Kameraden! I have this to say to you: Despite all will come in handy for the jukeboxes already installed. For fourpence it gives a choice of 80 records."

So to the dismissals... Across the square a band began booming out hymns and military marches.

No cookhouse bugle this first day. But a good aroma of pea soup, rich in floating chunks of bacon, was beckoning enough.

Smiling waitresses hundred round huge tureens to men already six at a table.

No queuing for the men of the new Wehrmacht.

Across the corridor the canteen was serving beer to the volunteers. And the canteen beer is fourpence cheaper than what you can get in the public houses of Andernach town.

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One of the most popular

records this first week is a German hit: "I do like playing at home."

She added: "I've no faith that anything on God's earth can bring me back to what I want to be—fit and well. I've no interest in anything I do. Save me, . . ."

A 59-year-old woman gave a straightforward account of her life, though full of grumbles. She was a hypochondriac.

One year afterwards she wrote: "I do not fret or worry. I take life more easily, and I have suffered no mental dimness."

Then she concluded with the words: "I do not feel fit to live in the world."

PROBLEMS

SAID Dr Tow: "The brain's frontal lobes are related to man's highest achievements. After isolating the frontal areas it must be concluded that a man is reduced to a lower level of activity. Possibly the truest and most accurate way of describing the net effect is that he is more simple."

Not only medical issues are involved in prefrontal leucotomy. There are social and legal issues. Judges and lawyers have

discussed that if a person commits murder after a prefrontal leucotomy, could that be his defense?

Would not the surgeon who performed the operation be partly responsible for the crime?

More than 14,000 people in Britain have already undergone the brain operation known as prefrontal leucotomy. But the effects on those who submitted to it are seriously perturbing. Thousands have changed personalities—and for the worse. So grave is the situation that the Minister of Health has ordered a national inquiry into the matter. Does this brain operation justify the term, "the worse honest error of medical practice?"

Says Dr Donald Johnson, Member of Parliament, a man who is making the operation a Parliamentary issue: "Too many doctors tend to become over-enthusiastic. When they give electric shock treatment they know it achieves results, but they do not know why. There is not much more scientific basis to prefrontal leucotomy."

"It is completely wrong that patients are not consulted first before being submitted to such treatment. In some extreme cases I realise this is not possible, but for most people the choice can be explained and they decide themselves. Too often the little benefit of this operation is far outweighed by the danger of great harm."

What should be the future of the operation that many doctors now call: "The worse honest error in the history of medical practice?"

By WILLIAM BARKLEY

Who Cares Who

Wrote Hamlet? It's the China Shop that Counts!

I FEAR they are in a cold sweat now in Stratford-on-Avon.

Ah! the mutability of

human affairs. To think

that the future fame,

fortune, and publicity of this

excellent town depends on

the stroke of a pick and the

turn of a shovel in a grave

in Chislehurst.

It would be too simple if

Marlowe had been born in

Stratford. But he was careless

about his name.

For when Marlowe

wrote "Tamburlaine"

he wrote that Marlowe was not

murdered (as tradition says) in

Stratford, but "too young to have

written Shakespeare."

No. Another man was mur-

dered and the corpse was sub-

stituted for him; and he went

on writing plays in Stratford.

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Don't worry, Bill," says

Marlowe. "Think of the money

it will bring to Stratford. And

you'll get the usual rake-off to

buy the biggest house in your

home town—New Place, isn't

it?"

Canterbury, its Shakespeare,

its cathedral, its deer.

What a town to sell.

Carroll's Crime—Too Old At 32; Australia Call Up Forgotten Man

By ARTHUR MORRIS

Let me introduce to you the best opening bat in Australia today—Sidney Carroll, of the Gordon Club, Sydney, formerly of the Australian Expeditionary Force infantry in New Guinea.

What? You've never heard of him? Well, I'm not surprised, because Carroll is guilty of one of the greatest "crimes" in Australian cricket today—he's too old. Sidney, in fact, is 32.

This matured and elegant strokemaker has been outstanding in his few first-class matches.

In 1949-50, when the Australians were in South Africa, Carroll led the New South Wales batsmen with an average of 51.

When next season came round, however, Carroll was not considered, presumably on account of his great age—28.

In 1952, when Test players were not available, he played against Queensland and scored 124. Next match he was twelfth man!

A year later Carroll was resurrected again, scored 124,

First Game Of Austrian Series Postponed

The first match of the Austrian soccer team series, that between the Wiener Sportklub and All Hongkong, scheduled for tomorrow (Wednesday, Jan. 18) has been postponed to Thursday, Jan. 19.

This decision was taken at an emergency Interport Sub-Committee meeting of the Hongkong Football Association held at Sports Road yesterday with Mr. Andy Mullen in the Chair.

The Australians are due to arrive in the Colony by air at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday. Therefore in all fairness to the visitors and the public, it was decided to postpone the game.

The Committee also announced that anyone who has purchased tickets for Wednesday's game and is unable to go can have their money refunded if they bring the tickets back to the Association's office before 10 a.m. on Thursday.

A press conference will be held at Winner House on Wednesday evening at 5.30 p.m.

The Wiener Sportklub team are at present lying fifth in the Austrian League behind Wacker, Rapid, Vienna and Austria-Wien. Admirals, who visited the Colony last year, are in 10th position.

On their current tour, Wiener have played four games in Khartoum (Sudan) and five games in Ethiopia. They are scheduled to play three games in Hongkong, six games in Vietnam and three games in Bangkok.

LANDY MAKES HIS COMEBACK



John Landy, the Australian holder of the World's One-Mile record, made a return to athletics recently after a lay-off which had lasted some months. He took part in an 880 yards race and was just pipped on the tape by American record holder, Lon Spurrier. They both recorded the same times—1 min. 51.8 secs—the fastest half-mile for the Australian.

For Landy the race was something of a try-out, and it is now expected that he will continue to train with the view to taking part in the Olympic Games in December. (Central Press-Photo)

and earned a trip to South Australia and Victoria, where he performed creditably.

During the last MCC tour of Australia he played in an inter-State game. He failed first innings and scored a brilliant 79 in his second, but that didn't seem to redeem him in the eyes of the selectors.

TWO CENTURIES

This season in Sydney Grade cricket he has scored two centuries and amassed more than 500 runs, yet he didn't "make" the Sheffield Shield side until last week, when he was given a chance in the New South Wales line-up after a two-year absence.

For five years the NSW selectors have been youth-happy. Giving youth its chance is a fine thing, but not to the exclusion of mature batsmen still on the late-20 or early-30 mark.

The fact is that in the last five years the selectors have given a dozen promising young batsmen their big chance in State sides and not one has become an Australia XI regular.

That's a poor record for the premier State, especially with a player of Carroll's ability sitting on the sidelines.

I've no doubt the inclusion of Carroll in the Sheffield Shield side was inspired by the fact that the Australia selectors wanted him to play in the Mally-Taylor benefit, really an Australian trial match on January 13.

The NSW selectors' faces would indeed be red if Carroll played for an Australia representative side without having had a State game.

Carroll, however, is by no means a certainty to make the trip to England, for there are four more openers among the 22 players chosen for the Mally-Taylor benefit—Rutherford, Favell, Burke; and McDonald.

Still, I believe Carroll has been shabbily treated by his State, and one can only hope the Australia selectors believe that a cricketer's life needn't end at 32.

The Australian team will be picked on February 8 and already everybody is enjoying that fine old game—Guess Who's Going?

A CERTAINTY

I'll say one thing: Ian Johnson, after his outstanding suc-

RUGGER PREVIEW ENGLAND HAVE FIFTEEN RUGGER TRIERS

By J. R. WATKINS

England's rugby selectors have thrown caution to the winds in naming the side to meet Wales at Twickenham on January 21. In come nine men new to international competition at home. Two, only, stay from last season's Calcutta Cup-winning side. They are centres Jeff Butterfield and Phil Davies.

Of the nine "new boys," none signifies a personal triumph more than Peter Jackson, Coventry's record try-getter and left winger.

Three years ago Jackson fractured his skull. His rugby days were over. Or so everyone thought at the time. But Peter couldn't stay away. "Just to keep fit" he attended pre-season training with his Old Edwardian team-mates at the start of the 1953-54 season.

Peter didn't start playing again until his wife, noticing that he was terribly edgy every Saturday, urged him to take a risk and make a come-back.

Peter did just that. Now he gets an England "cap" as a reward for his persistence.

The eight other newcomers are full back Fenwick Allison, halves Mike Smith and Dick Jeffs, and forwards Ron Jacobs, John Currie, David Marques, Alan Ashcroft and Peter Robbins.

IMPORTANT MOVE

The most important move on the selectors' part is the choice of Eric Evans as captain and leader of the forwards. A top personality in the game, Evans is likely to influence his fellow forwards—who form a pack weighing just under three-quarters of a ton.

One of the "older campaigners" to return is Vic Roberts, that trusted Harlequins servant.

He has been out of the international side for five years, and his undoubted experience should have a stabilising effect on the youngsters in the side.

The changes, although surprising to some, had to be made after England had received a 20-3 wallowing in last weekend's final trial.

Smith has well earned the place to which he has laid increasing claim since the middle of the last university term. Behind him are Butterfield and Davies, both with recent experience of the big occasion.

The inclusion of Sanders will add open play, while the enthusiastic Robbins may well give Cliff Morgan a trying time.

A GREAT TEAM

All things considered, England have not a great team. What they have is a side of competent players, who will try their best to upset the Welsh.

England's team problems were numerous last year. Consequently they did not have a very happy season. I have, in the past, pointed out the advantages and, indeed, the need for a settled side.

If England can beat Wales irrespective of the margin of victory, and are given the chance of seeing through the remaining Home International fixtures, they can be Champions.

But to come unstuck at Twickenham would merely mean a repeat of last season's troubles—and probably poor results.

I fancy that on January 21 I shall be raising my cap to England, and to the selectors as a tribute to one of the biggest rugby gambles ever.

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BRITAIN'S OLYMPIC HOPES

This Shy Girl Pat Who Loves Horses

By ERIC NICHOLLS

If you are determined to reach the top, and have it in you, then you'll get there. I can't remember who spoke those words of wisdom. But they might have been written for Pat Smythe, 26-year-old wonder girl of the show jumping arena, television's Sportswoman of the Year, and a firm favourite in almost every sportsman's heart.

Pat must have had what it takes. For not so many years ago she bought her clothes in the January sales; mother sold the family home so that Pat would be able to afford her horses; Pat herself took a job as a cook-housekeeper in Ireland.

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Small wonder that Pat Smythe took to horses. Dad was a cavalry officer. At the age of four little Pat first sat in the saddle. At nine she faced her first admiring onlookers in the show-ring. No doubt those same onlookers have continued to admire Pat Smythe galloping along the winning track to become Britain's leading horsewoman.

They know the little things she does for her horses after the round is over; they remember the trophies she used to win at local shows. They know Pat as the mistress of Misserden House, the Smythe's home which she now runs as a Guest House. Above all, they know her as a gentle, kind, sincere young woman, whose head has not been turned in the slightest by success.

Star or no star, Pat Smythe does not live a life of luxury. Keeping the horses well-groomed means hard work. She has to be up at six. Often there is a journey of a hundred miles or so in a motor horse-box to some county show. Two hours' hard work on the horses before they can leave, another two hours when they get back.

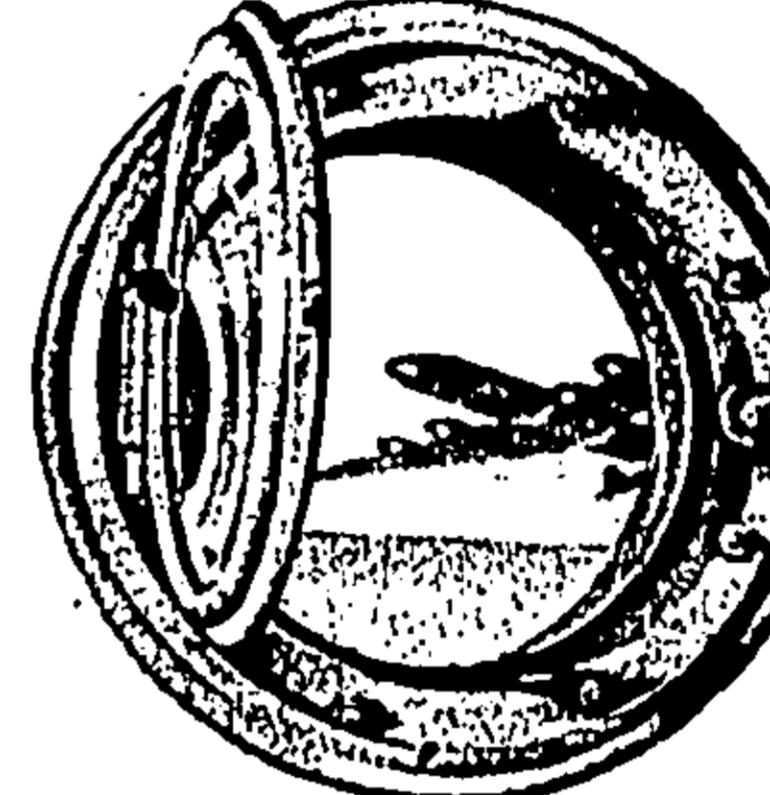
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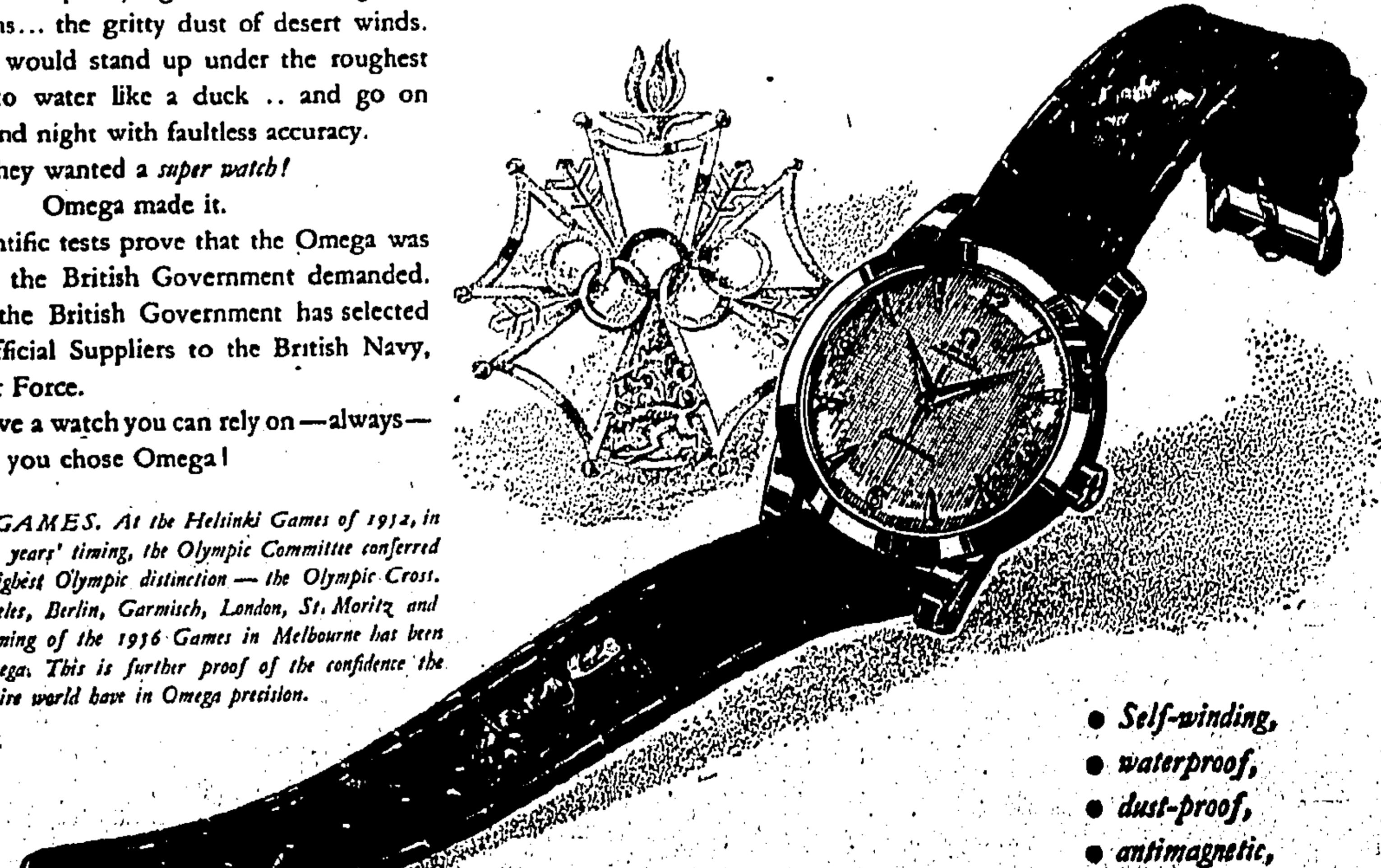
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MARRIAGE BY PROXY DRIVE IN AUSTRALIA

Sydney, Jan. 16. A marriage drive is under way along Australia's New South Wales industrial south coast, where Italian immigrants are taking their marriage vows by proxy to brides 10,000 miles away.

About ten marriages are recorded each week and at least 2,000 other young Italians are waiting for mail-order marriages to be arranged, in some cases to girls whom they have never seen.

Although marriage by proxy, as a means of bringing out brides, is not confined to Italians, their case is typical.

Australia's fast-moving immigration drive has brought many symptoms of national integration as this country strives to assimilate thousands of people pouring in from ships and aeroplanes at a rate greater in proportion than the United States achieved at her peak in take.

Explosive

One of the problems is the lack of proportion between the sexes. This problem was mentioned in Parliament recently, when the Minister for Immigration, Mr. Harold Holt, said, in answer to a question, that Australia was seeking German girl immigrants.

On the fast-growing steel-producing south coast of New South Wales, the problem is producing potentially explosive ingredients, which are causing concern among police, church and civil leaders.

Immigrants, particularly Italians, have been pouring into the neighbourhood of the twin towns of Wollongong and Port Kembla, where rapidly expanding steel mills and other heavy industries are calling for more and more men.

They work hard and receive good pay. But the small town of Cronulla, 10 miles from Wollongong, presents a typical picture of what happens after working hours.

At Cronulla, there are 700 men, mostly Italian immigrants and practically no unattached women.

On Saturday night, hordes of lonely men walk aimlessly along the town's main street. There is no dance hall, not even a country pub in the mushroom town.

Simple

Church leaders view the position with considerable misgiving, especially as attempts have been made to exploit the situation by bringing prostitutes from Sydney into the area. So now they are encouraging marriage by proxy, which enables the men to bring their newly-acquired wives to Australia in an average of six months.

Marriage by proxy is almost as simple as the more orthodox method.

A 26-year-old Catholic priest, Father Luciano Bianchini, who has married many of the immigrants in this manner, said that once the immigrant and his fiancee decide to marry, they prove to priests their single status and fill in the forms required by the church and civil authorities, then fix a date for the wedding.

On the wedding day, the bride attends her ceremony at her own church in Italy. The ceremony is the usual one and many of the brides wear beautiful wedding gowns.

The only unusual thing about it is that a relative or close friend of the groom takes his place beside the bride.

Tiny Chapel

At the same time as the ceremony is being performed in Italy, a similar ceremony, with a proxy for the bride, is performed in Australia.

Treglia Danilo, a 27-year-old steelworker, was married by proxy recently. He rose shortly after dawn at the boarding house where he shares with 18 other immigrants and prepared to go to work. The only difference from the normal breakfast was the congratulations of his friends and a bottle of home-grown wine on the breakfast table.

After the day shift at the steelworks, Danilo went straight to tiny chapel in Wollongong, where he met Father Bianchini. He was there precisely at the moment that his young bride, 23-year-old Franca Vompi, went through a proxy service in a small church in Villa Sarsina, Rome. Danilo's father took his son's place at the altar.

Get Into Trouble

"When I came to Australia three years ago, I wanted only one thing—to get a job and save enough money to get married," Danilo said after the wedding. "Since I have worked at the steelworks I have saved \$700. I also send my parents money."

"I like Australia and I like Australian girls—not for a wife though. But everywhere here are men, men, men. Some of the men drink and gamble and get

trouble, but most work hard, save their money and bring out a wife."

"I shall be glad to get out of here when my wife comes in a few months and get into a house where we can live a normal life."

In many cases, the bridegroom has known his bride before he left home, but in other cases, they have met through introductions by correspondence, followed by an exchange of letters and photographs.

Good Food

Most of the marriages work out well, according to local servers, in spite of the fact that in most instances husband and wife have not seen each other for several years, or not met before.

The man probably is in an ideal frame of mind for marriage, they say. He has been living with others in bachelor quarters, eating poorly, feeling lonely and saving hard. His wife represents companionship, good food and domesticity. She is the symbol of success in a foreign land.

The wife has left home, family and her own country to join him in a strange place. This is a strong bond between them.

Industrious

But the church does not act as a matrimonial agent, Father Bianchini said.

"Most of the Italians in these states are young, industrious and eager to play their true part in life," he said. "If they can marry and settle down, rear a family and become part of Australia, they will be a valuable acquisition to this country." —China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

But I just left him at the house. He came back. Said you wanted me to come here—and he was to wait there!

He hasn't left this spot. Nardo, the man you left at your house is the CLAY CAMEL!

I thought I was being so SMART trapping him! He escaped this whole thing! If only we're not too late!

I haven't much more time! Where is that blasted wall safe? Ah—here!

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NANCY

I'M READY FOR IRMA'S PARTY
NOW DON'T SOIL YOUR NICE
WHITE DRESS

DON'T WORRY—I WON'T
LATER

I DANCED WITH A BOY WHOSE
FOUNTAIN PEN LEAKED

ROWNTREE'S MILK CHOCOLATES
ARE AS SCRUMPTIOUS AS
PEOPLE SAY THEY ARE

JOHNNY HAZARD

SO JAN MEER IS INVULNERABLE, EH,
MR. HUNTER? NOW, IF SOMEONE WERE
TO HIDE ABOARD THE REFUELING
PLANE...

AND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
REFUELING OPERATION, SET OFF A
SPARK HERE, WITH BOTH PLANES
HELD CAPTIVE BY THE HOSE...WHAT
DO YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN?

THEY'D BOTH BLOWN UP!
... AND THAT'S THE FLAW IN
YOUR SCHEME, STEPHEN.
YOU'D BETTER ME
LIVE TO ENJOY MY
REVENGE!

... this situation
calls for a
Scal Miguel

Envoy Attends Bonn Party



Fiji Wages Intensive Battle Against Rhinoceros Beetle

By John Stackhouse

Suva, Jan. 16.

An ominous horned beetle glares like George Orwell's "Big Brother" at passing Fijians from walls of public buildings in Suva.

The beetle is the Rhinoceros Beetle which feeds on the growing shoots of the coconut palm and threatens the colony's copra industry—one of Fiji's three big exports.

So far, the beetle is established only near Suva and authorities here hope that they may still be able to eradicate it. For they fear that if it spreads to other centres, it may well so many palms that it will sharply reduce the amount of copra turned into copra for oil and soap.

The rhinoceros beetle is no newcomer to the South Pacific. In 1909, a few hardy specimens travelled from Ceylon to Western Samoa with potted rubber cuttings. They quickly multiplied and spread to Eastern Samoa and also to the French-controlled Wallis and Futuna Islands.

Heavy Loss

When it reaches the growing point, the palm dies. But, if for some reason it does not get to the growing point, water, rot and bacteria will enter the hole and also kill the palm.

In old palms, the destructive beetle means a heavy loss in productivity. But, as it prefers young palms, the beetle can cripple the industry. Replanting is the only answer.

In Rabaul

In 1948, the beetle appeared in the Rabaul district of Australian-controlled New Guinea and four years later it turned up in Vavau, Tonga.

The following year it was found on Fiji, near Suva. Officials here think that it must have crossed the water in either fruit or plants carried on a ship.

The beetle, almost black in colour, grows sometimes to two inches in length. It has powerful legs with long spurs, and a small horn on its head which has given it its name.

It breeds in decaying vegetation and the grub takes about three months to mature.

When the beetle emerges, it flies by night in search of a palm. When it has found one, it lands on the top and crawls in among the "buds" of the palm.

Fiji authorities fighting the beetle have made some startling calculations. They say that if left alone, the rhinoceros beetles can multiply themselves 150 times in only 16 months.

The present propaganda campaign makes an intensive appeal in all languages to all communities in Fiji.

The poster stresses that the copra industry is worth some £3,000,000 a year (£200 sterling equals £1.11)—or roughly the equivalent of £210 a head for every man, woman and child in the colony.

"Thousands of people share in this money," the poster adds.

"If this industry suffers, the whole colony will suffer."

Have A Chance

"The rhinoceros beetle is established near Suva and so far as is known, only near Suva."

"Everything possible must be done to stop it from spreading, particularly to the copra-producing parts of the Colony."

"We have a chance now to halt this enemy."

"The chance will soon be gone. Let us all act now." —China Mail Special.

Slow Progress On Spanish Air Bases

Madrid, Jan. 16.

The financial weekly El Economista said that construction of Spanish-American air bases in Spain appeared to be advancing very slowly in some cases.

It suggested as a reason that estimates of the cost of construction had been cut too finely.

"The contracts were won in very severe competition, and the consequences are being paid for now," El Economista said.

"Work on the bases is further advanced at Torrejon near Madrid, and at Zaragoza. Work on Alcantarilla, in Murcia, is not yet begun

